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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY FEBRUARY 16

1. U.S FOREIGN. PRESS GIVES POSITION BUT LOW LEVEL TREATMENT TO U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP. PRAVDA'S WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW, WHICH IS GENERALLY STRONG ON DETENTE, NOTES GROMYKO WILL MEET THE SECRETARY IN GENEVA AND SAYS SUCH MEETINGS HAVE "BECOME A NORMAL PHENOMENON IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS." REVIEW INDICATES THAT PROGRESS CONTINUES IN DEVELOPING THE RELATIONSHIP BY NOTING RESUMPTION OF U.S.-SOVIET PNE TALKS IN MOSCOW AND CONTINUATION OF SALT II IN GENEVA. SEPARATE TASS ARTICLE IN PRAVDA REPORTS FAVORABLE U.S. PRESS COMMENT ON SOVIET-AMERICAN SPACE COOPERATION, CITING NEW YORK TIMES THAT THE SPACE PROGRAM "WILL SERVE THE GOOD OF ALL MANKIND."

2. ON OTHER ASPECTS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, PRAVDA REPORTS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR HAS CALLED FOR A REVIEW OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD

CUBA AND WASHINGTON - DATELINED TASS STORY REPORTS THAT SENATOR BROOKE

HAS

COME OUT AGAINST MILITARY AID TO THE THIEU AND LON NOL REGIMERS. PRAVDA'S CARTOON ATTACKS ALLEGED U.S. CREATION OF A NET OF MILITARY BASES AROUND OIL-PRODUCING STATES.

3. U.S. DOMESTIC. COVERAGE IS SMALL BUT TYPICALLY NEGATIVE. PRAVDA REPORTS STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA DEMONSTRATED AGAINST UNIVERSITY'S ADMISSION OF CALLEY. NEW YORK - DATELINE TASS ITEM NOTES EXXON CORPORATION'S RISE TO NUMBER ONE POSITION AMONG U.S. CORPORATIONS. COMMENT, SAYS OIL GIANT'S NEW STATUS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SPECULATION OVER THE SHORTAGE OF ENERGY AND CONCLUDES THAT THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED STAND BEHIND THE SHIFT IN THE CORPORATE TABLE OF RANKS.

4. MIDDLE EAST: PRAVDA WEEKLY REVIEW COMMENTS THAT ASSESSMENTS DO NOT YET GIVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLEEAST TRIP. HOWEVER, REVIEWER REFERS TO ISRAELI-BACKED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PARTIAL MEASURES AND CAUTIONS THAT THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION SHOWS THAT NOTHING CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR "TRUE AND LASTING PEACE." REVIEW CONCLUDES WITH RESTATEMENT OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR RENEWING THE MEPC AND NOTATION THAT UNSYG WALDHEIM HAS ALSO CALLED FOR RETURN TO GENEVA.

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5. CYPRUS: PRESS CARRIES INCREASED CRITICAL COMMENT ON THE TURKISH-CYPRIOI PROCLAMATION OF AN AUTONOMOUS STATE. PRAVDA AND LAVESTIYA CARRY USSR SPOKESMAN ZAMYATIN'S STATEMENT TO PRESS CONFERENCE THAT USSR, IN TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER WILSON, STRESSED THAT SOVIET UNION ADHERES TO PRINCIPLE OF PRESERVING THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. ZAMYATIN ALSO, ACCORDING TO TASS REPORT, STATED

THAT THE USSR RECOGNIZES THE MAKARIOS GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND SUPPORTS FULFILLMENT OF THE UNSC AND UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS. PRAVDA REVIEW REPLAYS CRITICISM OF THE TURKISH MOVE BY CYPRUS COMMUNIST PARTY (AKEL). HELSINKI- DATELINED TASS REPORT GETS WORLD PEACE COUNCIL'S ROMESH CHANDRA INTO THE ACT, REPORTING HE HAS CONDEMNED THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT MOVE AS DANGEROUS ACT LEADING TO THE PARTITION OF THE ISLAND. TASS REPORT (PRAVDA) ALSO NOTES CONCLUSION OF GREEK TALKS WITH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES.

6. MBFR. IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY N. NOVIKOV RECOUNTS PAST WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS ON MBFR AND ASSERTS THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW CZECH INITIATIVE TO FREEZE FORCE LEVELS WOULD EASE THE ARMS RACE AND IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN THE VIENNA TALKS.

7. WILSON VISIT. COVERAGE IS MORE SUBDUED, REFLECTING FACT THAT BREZHNEV DID NOT PARTICPATE IN SATURDAY'S TALKS. IZVESTIYA FEBRUARY 15 FRONT-PAGES A PICTURE OF BREZHNEV AND WILSON FROM THE DAY BEFORE.

8. BERLIN. THE PRAVDA WEEKLY REVIEW CRITICIZES ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EC VOCATIONAL CENTER IN WEST BERLIN AS AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE DETENTE

AND A CONTRADICTION OF THE BERLIN AGREEMENT.  
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